



## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

**Please make plans to attend these special Bullard Methodist events to make Advent and Christmas meaningful for you and your family!**

**12/2/23 - Bullard Christmas Parade at 5:00 p.m.**  
(Children and families to participate)

**12/3/23 - Children's Musical 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. First Sunday in Advent (Communion for December will be during Christmas Eve evening service)**

**12/8/23 - Have YourSELF a Very Merry Christmas Community Event, 6:00 p.m.**

**12/10/23 - Children's Christmas Market, 4:00 p.m.**

**12/17/23 - Youth Christmas Party (6th-12th), 5:00 p.m.**

**12/24/23 - Combined Worship Service and Choir Cantata in the Sanctuary, 10:00 a.m. (No Sunday school or Fellowship Time)**  
**Combined Candlelight & Communion Service, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

**12/31/23 - Combined worship service in the sanctuary. (Each Sunday school class decides whether to meet.)**

## **STEWARDSHIP 2024**

Thank you to all who made soups and other goodies for our Celebration Luncheon on November 12<sup>th</sup>. God truly is doing new and glorious things at Bullard Methodist Church. We are so blessed by the generosity of our congregation.

If you missed our Commitment Sunday service, you can still complete your Estimate of Giving Card by picking one up on the welcome tables or you can complete the **commitment card online** [here](#).

To give easily and securely online, please visit our **Giving Portal** [here](#).

Thank you for supporting the work of advancing God's Kingdom through Bullard Methodist Church.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

### **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

In November, we had so much fun at the Children's Ministry Bake Sale! Thank you so much to everyone who baked and everyone who purchased goodies! The proceeds raised went toward our mission project of buying Christmas gifts for the Holiday of Hope project which provides Christmas gifts for children receiving services at the Children's Advocacy Center. We were able to buy presents for a family of 3 kids. I know they will have a great Christmas morning thanks to the kids of our church and everyone who supported our sale!

We have been working on our children's Christmas Musical! I can't wait for everyone to hear them sing!

We had a fun Club 118 in November at the Nordyke home. Thank you Nordykes for hosting us!

In December, we are looking forward to some special dates, please mark these on your calendar and make plans to participate!

**Saturday, December 2 - Bullard Christmas Parade at 5:00 p.m.** Please join us on our "Santa's Workshop" float as we invite the community to our special Christmas outreach event! **Meet at church at 3:45 p.m.** for parade line up.

**Sunday, December 3 - Children's Christmas Musical at both services!**

**Friday, December 8, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** “Have yours**ELF** a Very Merry Christmas” event! Join us for a fun family event with supper, minute-to-win-it games, and lots of Christmas spirit! The event is free, but everyone is invited to be an Elf and bring a donation to the event which will go to the Bullard Mission House such as some canned food or gently used clothing.

Please sign up at [www.BullardEvents.com](http://www.BullardEvents.com). If you would like to help with this event, please contact Deirdre!

**Sunday, December 10, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** Children's Christmas Market! Children will 'spend' tickets they earned from participating in Sunday school or Clubs on Christmas gifts for their friends and family! If you are NOT a parent of a child, please let Deirdre know if you can help!

Blessings to you,

Deirdre Leung - 903-343-2857

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### BIBLES AND BITES

A middle school girl's Bible study meets **alternate Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.**

## ADULT MINISTRIES

### METHODIST COFFEE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join the Methodist Coffee Club, which meets here in Bullard on **Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Coffee Around the Corner.** This is a time of fellowship and coffee drinking. Everyone is welcome.

### METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men will not meet in November and December. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at Milano's Pizza, at 6:00 p.m.** All the men of the church are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and ministry activities.

### METHODIST WOMEN

The Methodist Women will meet on **January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor.**

If you have any questions, contact Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

## MISSION BARREL - DECEMBER

December Mission Barrel has adopted 5 children from the BISD Panther Angel Tree. These children live in our community. The cards are located in Harper Hall. There is no minimum or maximum to spend on your Panther Angel. The school recommends purchasing a mix of items listed.

When returning unwrapped gifts **please label with angel number.** Missions will wrap all gifts before turning into the school.

Angels are due back at BISD **by December 11** or we can make arrangements for later date. Please contact Jill Siler with any questions.

## EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We had a fantastic time serving our community at the ETFB in November! We will serve again in January, so please look for an announcement in a few weeks. If you can attend or need more details, please get in touch with Mary Kay Bailey (253) 740-7666 or Bret Hatley (713) 301-1231.

### POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

The December dinner will be the second Wednesday of the month, **December 13, at 5:30 pm, in the Family Life Center.** Bring a dish to share, perhaps a holiday specialty.

We had about 70 attendees for the November dinner. Many people helped with clean-up and with set-up afterwards for additional activities at the church like BINGO and Commitment Sunday luncheon. All your help was greatly appreciated.

We collected items to make “all the fixin's” for Holiday dinners and baking for the clients at the Mission House Food Pantry. In December, bring any food items you would use to make your holiday merry and bright.

If you would like to provide the decorations in the future, please contact Judy to sign up for a month.

We could use some additional help with set-up/clean-up for the dinners. If you are available to come a little early at 4:45 to help set up it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Donnelly at (281) 450-2300.

## PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

We had an inaugural meeting in November and will meet on the second Thursday of the month in the **FLC from 9:00-noon beginning January 11, 2024.**

We are asking for donations of cotton fabric, thread, batting, tools used for sewing (thimbles, threaders, long pins, etc.) or cutting fabric (rotary cutters) in plastic crates near the mission barrels in Harper Hall and the FLC.

The lap size quilts will be sewn at the church and/or at home and will be prayed over at the end of each session. Recommendations for recipients will be taken from the Prayer Group and Grace Notes.

You don't have to sew to help! We need people able to use a rotary cutter, iron, machine sew (straight stitch) and hand sew (blind hem). All are welcome to stop by around 11:45 to pray for healing and comfort for the ones who receiving these quilts.

If you have any questions, please contact Flo Tarrant 903-894-6416 or Judy Donnelly 281-450-2300.

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER

### **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Markk 13:24-37

### **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

### **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

### **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve**

2 Samuel 7:1-11  
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

### **Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Psalm 148  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Justin & Jade Morris  
Grant & Kelly Rollins

The full church calendar can be viewed on our website at <http://bullardmethodist.org/calendar-2>

## NEWS AND NOTES

### NEW MEMBERS

#### Dan and Lisa Bailey



#### Floyd and Myra Leaseburg





## DEBBIE MUNDAY



## CHURCH CONNECTIONS



Contact [grant@bullardmethodist.org](mailto:grant@bullardmethodist.org)  
with any questions.

## Volunteer Interest Survey

Our Ministry Interest Survey is on the church website under volunteer if you select the "Serving" tab. Your response is instrumental in allowing us to align your ministry and service goals with our current opportunities through our various missions, outreach, and fellowship ministries.

Please feel free to reach out if you need help utilizing the online format. Hardcopies are available, or if you know where you'd like to be, let us know, and we will connect you with the right person.

## WELCOME TEAM

We need volunteers to serve on our Welcome Team each Sunday. This group of volunteers makes sure every person who comes through our doors is warmly welcomed and that our first-time guests are given a gift. You simply need to be at worship a few minutes early and wear a smile. If you would like to help, please contact the church office.

## OUR PRAYERS

Please pick up a complete prayer list from the Welcome Tables in the foyer or the FLC. We always pray for our Homebound – Side-Line Saints - Members & Friends:

Tommie Aulie  
Ruby Cables  
Velma Carson  
James & Kathleen Kyles  
Linda Pierce  
JoAnn Smith  
Emilie Stroble  
Jean Weatherly

### Active Military Personnel:

Benjamin Barbour, Bryton Blakeney, Jessica Roper, Tyler Scarborough, Victor B. Sheldon and his wife Katy Sheldon, Grant Troxell, and others

## OUR GIFTS

If you have securities, such as stocks and bonds, you wish to donate to the church and avoid capital gains taxes, please consult with your financial advisor, and then contact our Finance Secretary, Patti Maxwell, or the church office.

### Financial Results for October:

	October	Year-to-date
Contributions (Actual)	\$ 58,173.55	\$ 480,706.03
Contributions (Budgeted)	\$ 42,067.00	\$ 478,170.00
Expenses (Actual)	\$ 48,332.18	\$ 459,165.80
Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 48,636.00	\$ 463,436.00

## OUR PRESENCE

### Average Attendance (includes In-person & Online):

October:	192
Year to date:	195

## DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

The Vine deadline is **Friday, December 14, at 4:30 p.m.** for the January newsletter.

Email articles to [bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org](mailto:bullardmethodist@bullardmethodist.org)

## NEED A NAME TAG?

Active members' and visitors' name tags are located on the shelf (in alphabetical order) in the foyer of the Sanctuary and the entrance of the FLC. If you need a name tag, please put a note in the offering plate, or call Venus at the church office at (903) 894-6762.

## ALTAR FLOWERS: POLICY & PRICE

Altar flowers are a way of honoring or remembering a loved one or recognizing an anniversary or birthday.

To participate in this expression of your appreciation, complete an Altar Flowers Form found below the glass case in Harper Hall near the children's wing, or go to our website, [www.bullardmethodist.org](http://www.bullardmethodist.org), and drop down the Online Giving tab. A payment of \$45.00 must accompany your request. To pay by check, indicate on the subject line that it is for altar flowers and place the check with your request in the offering plate, or take it to the church office.

The next three months are listed below. Check the glass case in Harper Hall for the calendar.

Month	Sunday	Name
December	3	
	10	
	17	
	24	
	31	
January 2024	7	
	14	
	21	
	28	
February	4	
	11	
	18	
	25	

When you take the altar flowers home, please leave the green plastic containers at the church. These are reused each week.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEMBER

- 1

Bill Evans  
 Patsy Harper
- 2

Randall Druivenga  
 Joe Maxwell  
 Dori Vestal  
 Lila Walker
- 3

Bob & Kathi Burnett  
 Linda Neuman
- 4
- 5

Lisa Escolas
- 6

Bonnie Kate Long
- 7

Bill Cummings
- 8

Jacob Walker
- 9

Pam Morton
- 12

Louis Escolas
- 13

Mike Hill
- 14

Steve Bembenek  
 Jason Blakeney  
 Rob Sheldon
- 16

Susan Hatley
- 17

Peter Boren
- 18

John & Julie Lamberth

- 19

Ronda Blalock  
 Jimmy Siler
- 20

Sharon Marrs
- 21

Tresia Holcomb  
 Debbie Staten
- 22

Susanna Hale
- 24

Josh Lamberth
- 26

Nancy Bishop
- 28

Robert & Emily Boren  
 Kelly Rollins
- 29

Bob Burnett  
 Louis & Lisa Escolas
- 30

Carley Pawlak  
 Danica Vestal
- 31

Brooklyn Holik

## RECENT EVENTS

### VETERAN’S DAY BINGO







## EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK MONTHLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



## POTLUCK DINNER (NOVEMBER)





## CONTACT US

If you would like to know more about how to become a member of Bullard Methodist Church, contact our Pastor.

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

903.894.6762 (office)  
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Pastor David: [david@bullardmethodist.org](mailto:david@bullardmethodist.org)

### Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Encounter (FLC)  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Traditional  
5:30 p.m. Youth

*Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
who worship passionately, love extravagantly,  
and witness boldly.*

*All members of the church are ministers of the Gospel,  
equipped for sharing the grace of God with the assistance  
of:*

### CLERGY

Pastor, Rev. David Brasher

### PROGRAMS

Student Ministries Director, Katie Rankin  
Children's Director, Deirdre Leung  
Director of Connections, Grant Rollins

### WORSHIP

Director of Traditional Music, Robert Boren  
Encounter Worship Leader, David Thrasher  
Pianist, Kerry Baham

### SUPPORT

Administrative Assistant, Venus Burns  
Financial Secretary, Patti Maxwell  
Nursery Supervisor, Kimberly Brasher  
Custodian, Louis White

### EASTERN TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bishop, Rev. Dr. Scott Jones  
Area Presiding Elder, Rev. Nick Sholars  
Circuit Presiding Elder for BMC, Rev. Bryan Harkness